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SUBJ: NEW TRIESTE CITY GOVERNMENT FORMED

1. AFTER THREE MONTHS OF NEGOTIATIONS YET ANOTHER QTE TRANSITORY UNQTE SOLUTION HAS BEEN REACHED TO A LOCAL POLITICAL CRISIS, THIS TIME INVOLVING THE TRIESTE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION. FORMER MAYOR MARCELLO SPACCINI (DC) WILL SUCCEED HIMSELF BUT THE PREVIOUS THREE-PARTY (DC, PRI,PSDI) GIUNTA WILL BE REPLACED BY A DC MONOCOLORE ADMINISTRATION. THE KEY VOTE IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SAW THE DC, PSDI AND PRI SUPPORTING THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S PROGRAM, WHILE THE PSI, PCI AND PLI ABSTAINED, LEAVING ONLY THE MSI IN OPPOSITION. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNION OF SLOVENES WAS ABSENT FROM THE HALL WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

2. THE ABSTENSION OF THE PCI WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT TO EMERGE FROM THE CRISIS. THE NEGOTIATION LEADING UP TO THE VOTE HAD, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LOCAL PRACTICE, INCLUDED THE FLOOR LEADERS OF ALL THE PARTIES OF THE QTE CONSTITUTIONAL ARC UNQTE MEETING BOTH BILATERALLY AND AS A GROUP TO DISCUSS AND MODIFY THE DRAFT PROGRAM PREPARED BY THE DC. THIS QTE CONFRONTO PROGRAMMATICO UNQTE IN WHICH THE UNIONS ALSO PLAYED A KEY ROLE, HAS AS ITS AIM THE OBTAINING OF THE SUPPORT OR AT LEAST ABSTENTION OF

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THE COMMUNISTS AND THE SOCIALISTS (THE LATTER HAVING IN

EFFECT CONDITIONED THEIR VOTE ON THE POSITION OF THE FORMER) IN THE ABSENCE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING A MAJORITY WITH THE VOTES OF THE OTHER PARTIES. DC LEADERS STRESS THE RESTRICTED NATURE OF THE AGREEMENTS AND NOTE THAT THE PCI HAD TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO HAVE THE NEGOTIATIONS TAKE PLACE AT THE LEVEL OF PARTY SECRETARIES.

3. THE PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL CONTAINS SIXTEEN POINTS, THE FIRST OF WHICH, THE FORMATION OF A QTE COMMITTEE FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF THE VALUES OF THE RESISTENCE AND THE CONSTITUTION UNQTE, MAY BE TAKEN AS A SYMBOL OF THE NEW RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE PARTIES OF THE QTE CONSTITUTIONAL ARC UNQTE. TWO POINTS IN THE PROGRAM RELATE TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED BUT NOT YET RATIFIED ITALO-YUGOSLAV TREATY. THESE CALL FOR THE EARLY ADOPTION OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY, IN PARTICULAR THOSE RELATING TO PROTECTION OF MINORITIES AND LAUNCHING OF THE FREE INDUSTRIAL ZONE STRADDLING THE ITALO-YUGOSLAV BORDER. THE REMAINDER OF THE PROGRAM DEALS WITH LOCAL PROBLEMS WHILE THE FINAL POINT IN THE PROGRAM INSTITUTIONALIZES THE QTE CONFRONTO PROGRAMMATICO UNQTE.

4. COMMENT. THE FORMATION OF A DC MONOCOLORE ADMINISTRATION IN TRIESTE PARALLELS RECENT NATIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, WITH THE DIFFERENCE OF THE NEW ROLE TAKEN LOCALLY BY THE PCI. THUS FAR, THIS HAS PROVOKED VIRTUALLY NO OPEN CONTROVERSY INDICATING BOTH PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE TO THE ISSUE AND THE VIRTUAL UNANIMITY OF POLITICAL LEADERS OF ALL PERSUASIONS (NEO-FASCISTS EXCLUDED) ON THE INEVITABILITY, IF NOT DESIRABILITY, OF OBTAINING PCI ACQUIESCENCE, IF ONLY TO AVOID EARLY MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. RACKMALES

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